

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-19 are presently active in this case. Claims 13, 15, 16, and 19 are amended and Claims 14, 17, and 18 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer by way of the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action mailed May 9, 2005, Claims 13, 16, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Peckham, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,674,333.). Claims 14, 15, 18, and 19 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim but were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 1-12 were indicated as allowed. Applicants gratefully acknowledge Examiner's indication of allowed claims.

As the present amendment amends the rejected independent claims to include limitations of objected dependent claims indicated as including allowable subject matter and cancels the remaining respective objected claims, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for formal allowance, and an early and favorable reconsideration of this application is therefore requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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